



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LEADERS

YIM C. LOO

Ms. Loo holds the rank of senior cartographer with the National-Geospatial Intelligence Agency in St. Louis. She is assigned to Configuration Management in the Technical Support Office, Enterprise Operations Directorate. She began her career at the Defense Mapping Agency Aerospace Center (NGA's predecessor organization) 25 years ago as a journeymen cartographer.

After training at the Rochester Institute of Technology, Ms. Loo transferred to the technical division working in documentation of technical specifications for acquisition of equipment. She has written standard operating procedures for application usages, and conducted test and evaluation and audits of software. Currently she manages several production systems. The products generated by these systems are used in support of U. S. war fighters worldwide. She has been the recipient of a number of work related awards.

Ms. Loo was born in Hong Kong. At almost age 10, she arrived in the United States on Halloween day. She learned English starting with the alphabet, and graduated from high school cum laude. The Southern Scholarship Foundation named her a scholarship recipient and she attended Florida State University.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Florida State University, and is pursuing a Masters Degree in Systems Engineering from University of Missouri at Rolla. She is a certified instructor for NGA. Also, she is a facilitator for the Pacific Institute's motivation video course: Investment In Excellence for which she received a team award.

Ms. Loo became U.S. citizen in June 1975. She appreciates and exercises her privilege as a citizen to vote and has voted in every election since 1976. In addition she enjoys presidential trivia, and has visited seventeen presidential homes or libraries. She has also visited 49 of the 50 states and 150+ national parks or historical sites!

Ms. Loo is a member of the 2005 Gateway to Diversity Planning Committee. She has also served as a keyworker for NGA's Combined Federal Campaign for a number of years.

ED MARTINEZ

Ed Martinez began his career with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, St. Louis Regional Office in August of 2004. He is currently employed as a Veterans Service Representative.

Prior to joining the Department of Veterans Affairs, Ed served 21 years with the United States Air Force, as a combat photographer, eventually retiring in the grade of Master Sergeant at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. During his career, he documented several historic events to include: President Ferdinand E. Marcos' expulsion from the Republic of the Philippines; the United States and Soviet Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty Heavy Bomber Exhibition; and the repatriation and memorial ceremony for the United States service members killed in the terrorist bombing in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

A pioneer in the Department of Defense's first Electronic Imaging Centers, his contributions were vital to the successful development, acquisition, deployment, installation and support of over \$1.5 million in electronic imaging equipment throughout the Air Force. Today, over 90% of all audiovisual units throughout the Department of Defense utilize electronic imaging versus conventional photographic/graphic arts film-based technology.

Mr. Martinez holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Sciences from the University of Southern Colorado, and a Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Auburn at Montgomery.

PATRICIA M. WORSHAM

Pat Worsham joined the Department of Veterans Affairs St. Louis Regional Office as a Veterans Service Representative in June 2002. She has held rotational training assignments in Pre-Determination, Post-Determination, and the Public Contact Unit. Currently she is a member of the Appeals Team. Other collaborative assignments include being a member of the MAP-D Compliance Committee and a keyworker of the Combined Federal Campaign for two years.

Ms. Worsham served a twenty-year active duty career with the U.S. Army. Her positions included Senior Enlisted Advisor; Senior Administrator; Lesson Writer/Training Developer; and Operations Manager. During the first Gulf War, as the Senior Enlisted Advisor with the Pentagon's Joint Operations Directorate, she released the execution order message that launched attack missiles that transitioned U.S. efforts from Operation Dessert Shield to Operation Dessert Storm. Ms. Worsham's contributions have been recognized by some of the highest peacetime awards, such as, two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, two Meritorious Service Medals, five Army Commendation Medals, a Joint Service Achievement Medal, an Army Achievement Medal, and a Joint Meritorious Unit Award. She is also the recipient of several other wartime and peacetime awards.

Prior to joining the Veterans Administration, her career included numerous other positions. She was a Special Education Teacher and United States History & Civics at Meadowbrook High School, a Program Analyst for Office of Personnel Management, and an Imaging Unit Supervisor with U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Ms. Worsham is a Doctoral Candidate for a PhD in Training and Performance Improvement with Capella University. She holds a Masters in Human Resource Development from Webster University, St. Louis, and a Bachelor of Science in Management Studies & History from the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland. In addition, she holds a Teaching Licensure from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

